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Financing of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 19 September 2001, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-sixth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 54th, 55th and 60th meetings, on 13 and 15 May and 17 June 2002. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/56/SR.54, 55 and 60).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the report of the Secretary-General containing the final performance report of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force (A/56/842) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/56/887).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.88

4. At the 60th meeting, on 17 June, the representative of Australia and coordinator of the informal consultations on the item, introduced, on behalf of the Chairman, a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force" (A/C.5/56/L.88).

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.88 without a vote (see para. 6).

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III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Recalling Security Council resolutions 983 (1995) of 31 March 1995, by which the Council decided that the United Nations Protection Force within the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia should be known as the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force, and 1186 (1998) of 21 July 1998, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Force until 28 February 1999,

Recalling also its decision 50/481 of 11 April 1996 on the financing of the Force and its subsequent resolutions and decisions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 54/275 of 15 June 2000,

Reaffirming that the costs of the Force are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Force, a different procedure is required from that applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such operations,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Force by certain Governments,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Force with the necessary financial resources to enable it to meet its outstanding liabilities,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force as at 30 April 2002, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 9.2 million United States dollars, representing some 6 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only one hundred and thirty-two Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other

[1] A/56/842.
[2] A/56/887.

Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States that have paid their assessed contributions in full;

3. *Expresses concern* about the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

4. *Also expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

5. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

6. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

7. *Endorses* the recommendations contained in paragraph 82 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[2]

8. *Decides* to reduce the appropriation provided in its resolution 53/20 B of 8 June 1999 of 183,730 dollars for the liquidation of the Force for the period from 1 July to 15 October 1999 to the amount of 172,000 dollars;

9. *Also decides* as an ad hoc arrangement to apportion among Member States the amount of 172,000 dollars for the period from 1 July to 15 October 1999, in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, and as adjusted by the Assembly in subsequent resolutions and decisions for the ad hoc apportionment of peacekeeping appropriations, the latest of which were resolution 52/230 of 31 March 1998 and decisions 54/456 to 54/458 of 23 December 1999 for the period 1998-2000, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the year 1999, as set out in its resolution 52/215 A of 22 December 1997;

10. *Further decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 9 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 96,000 dollars approved for the liquidation of the Force for the period from 1 July to 15 October 1999;

11. *Decides* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, there shall be set off against the apportionment, as provided in paragraph 9 above, their respective share in the amount of 172,000 dollars from the unencumbered balance of 7,059,600 dollars;

12. *Also decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, their share of the amount of 172,000 dollars from the unencumbered balance of 7,059,600 dollars shall be set off against their outstanding obligations;

13. *Further decides* that staff assessment income in the amount of 96,000 dollars from the total staff assessment income of 174,100 dollars shall be set off against the credits from the unencumbered balance referred to in paragraphs 11 and 12 above;

14. *Decides* that 18,237,935 dollars shall be credited to Member States;

15. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide an updated report on the financial position of the Force in one year;

16. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

17. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-seventh session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force".